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SENATE BILL 6556

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By Senators Honeyford, Pflug, Morton, Stevens, and Swecker

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1 AN ACT Relating to school anaphylactic policy guidelines; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 28A.210 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.210  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction, in  
7 consultation with the department of health, shall develop anaphylactic  
8 policy guidelines for schools to prevent anaphylaxis and deal with  
9 medical emergencies resulting from it. The policy guidelines shall be  
10 developed with input from pediatricians, school nurses, other health  
11 care providers, parents of children with life-threatening allergies,  
12 school administrators, teachers, and food service directors.

13 The policy guidelines shall include, but need not be limited to:

14 (a) A procedure for each school to follow to develop a treatment  
15 plan including the responsibilities for school nurses and other  
16 appropriate school personnel responsible for responding to a student  
17 who may be experiencing anaphylaxis;

18 (b) The content of a training course for appropriate school

1 personnel for preventing and responding to a student who may be  
2 experiencing anaphylaxis;

3 (c) A procedure for the development of an individualized emergency  
4 health care plan for children with food or other allergies that could  
5 result in anaphylaxis;

6 (d) A communication plan for the school to follow to gather and  
7 disseminate information on students with food or other allergies who  
8 may experience anaphylaxis;

9 (e) Strategies for reduction of the risk of exposure to  
10 anaphylactic causative agents including food and other allergens.

11 (2) For the purpose of this section "anaphylaxis" means a severe  
12 allergic and life-threatening reaction that is a collection of  
13 symptoms, which may include breathing difficulties and a drop in blood  
14 pressure or shock.

15 (3) By September 1, 2008, the superintendent of public instruction  
16 shall report policy guidelines to school districts for the districts to  
17 use to develop and adopt their policies.

18 (4) By January 1, 2009, each school district shall use the  
19 guidelines developed under subsection (1) of this section to develop  
20 and adopt a school district policy for each school in the district to  
21 follow to assist schools to prevent anaphylaxis.

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